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## UNITED STATES.

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### *Smallpox in New Orleans, La.*

NEW ORLEANS, LA., *March 1, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that a colored roustabout applied for relief yesterday at the Marine-Hospital Office suffering from smallpox. The man left the steamboat *Stella Wilds* at this port February 17, and has since that time resided in the city, where he undoubtedly contracted the disease. During the month of February, 1896, 93 cases of smallpox were reported, 27 cases of diphtheria, and 12 of scarlatina. Deaths from smallpox, 11; diphtheria, 4; scarlatina, none.

Very respectfully,

HENRY W. SAWTELLE,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

NEW ORLEANS, LA., *March 7, 1896.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that a negro, who was formerly employed on river steamboats, applied for relief yesterday at the hospital office, suffering from smallpox. The board of health was notified, and the patient was promptly sent to the pesthouse. The disease has increased largely of late. There are now about 90 cases in the city.

Very respectfully,

HENRY W. SAWTELLE,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

### *Smallpox in Shreveport, La.*

SHREVEPORT, LA., *March 7, 1896.*

SIR: A second case of smallpox has developed in hospital ward in which first case was discovered. Neither one is a sailor. \* \* \*

Respectfully, yours,

A. R. BOOTH,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*